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PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR JOLLES FROM UNDER
SECRETARY ROBINSON

1. BEGIN TEXT - I APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ISSUES TO
BE ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE XCSS WHICH I HAVE
RECEIVED THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN BERN. I STRONGLY CONCUR
THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE USE OF THE HIGH LEVEL
GROUPS AND THE IEA AS THE CAUCUSSING MECHANISM FOR THE
INDUSTRIALIZED PARTICIPANTS IN THE CIEC. IN DEALING WITH
THE EC IN THIS REGARD, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MEMBER STATES
AND THE COMMISSION MUST ACCEPT THE USEFULNESS OF ACTIVE
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PARTICIPATION IN THE BACKSTOPPING GROUPS. I BELIEVE THAT

THEY ARE IN FACT MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION, BUT WE MUST BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AS TO THE PRECISE BALANCE BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND MEMBER STATE PARTICIPATION.

2. WHILE WE MUST WORK TOWARD THE MAXIMUM HARMONIZATION OF INDUSTRIALIZED PARTICIPANT VIEWS IN THE CIEC, WE MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A SINGLE LIST OF ISSUES REQUIRING COORDINATED POSITIONS. PERHAPS WE COULD BETTER APPROACH THIS QUESTION BY IDENTIFYING THOSE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL DIALOGUE, AND THEN GO AS FAR AS WE CAN TO HARMONIZE OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.

3. I HAVE REVIEWED THE AGENDA PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND BELIEVE IT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR A USEFUL AND COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF OUR COMMON EFFORTS IN THE CIEC. SUCH A DISCUSSION WILL BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR AGREED OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED PARTICIPANTS IN THE CIEC AND THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEMBER COUNTRIES. I HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT OVERLY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF WHAT OCCURRED IN THE COMMISSION MEETINGS CAN BE AVOIDED SO THAT OUR LIMITED TIME CAN BE DEVOTED TO THE BROADER QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE AGENDA.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING AGAIN NEXT WEEK. END TEXT. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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